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FIVE LOCATIONS STATEWIDE TO HOLD BAR ADMISSION CEREMONIES MAY 10

Nearly 800 new attorneys will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, May 10 with Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Appellate Court presiding and administering the attorney's oath at five separate locations.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination, a required ethics examination and have been certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The largest group, 517, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald will preside over the ceremony with Justice Anne M. Burke participating.

Mary T. Robinson, former administrator for the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, will make the motion to admit the class.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Herbert Sillins, president of the Advocates Society; Nathalina Hudson, president of the Black Women Lawyer's Association; Kevin P. Durkin, president of the Chicago Bar Association; Deborah Fortier, president of the Cook County Bar Association; Robert W. Matanky, past-president of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers; Ruben Chapa, president-elect of the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois; Sannon M. Cobe, president of the Illinois Native American Bar Association; Celia Gamrath, president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers; Edwin Reyes, president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association; J. Andrew Langan, president of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association and Karen A. Enright, president-elect of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. Representatives from the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar who will be in attendance include: James R. Carroll, Lawrence N. Hill and Neil K. Quinn.

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The 769 men and women were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys Thursday at ceremonies in the five Supreme Court judicial districts.

Here are the time and locations of Thursday's ceremonies:

Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside over the Third Judicial District ceremony, 1:30 p.m., Appellate Court Building, 1004 Columbus Street, Ottawa.

Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Supreme Court Courtroom, Second and Capitol Streets, Springfield.

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony, 2 p.m., Gateway Convention Center, near Interstates 55/70 & Route 157, Collinsville.

Illinois Appellate Court Presiding Judge R. Peter Grometer will preside over the Second Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Hemmens Memorial Building, Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 84,000.

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